By the King.

A Proclamation againſt making Collections without Licence vnder the Great Seale.

FOraſmuch as the Lords of His Maieſties moſt Honourable Priuy Councell haue beene informed that his Maieſties louing Subiects in ſundry places of this Kingdome haue beene much wronged and abuſed by forged and counterfeited Certificates and Warrants, or Licences for Collections, made in the Names of perſons of Qualitie, and others his Maieſties Miniſters and Seruants: vpon which ſaid forged Certificates, Warrants, and Licences, publique Collections haue beene made, aſwell in Churches, as otherwiſe, to the abuſe of the Charitie of his Maieſties good Subiects, and diſcouraging the forwardneſſe of ſuch as are well diſpoſed to helpe ſuch as haue had great Dammage and Loſſes, both by Shipwracke and Pirates at Sea, and by fire and other caſualties at Land.

His Highneſſe therefore with the aduice of his Priuie Councell, doeth by this his Proclamation ſtraightly Charge and Command all his Maieſties Officers, and Miniſters whatſoeuer, whom it ſhall concerne, not to ſuffer any ſuch Collections to bee made hereafter for any perſon, or perſons, vpon any pretence whatſoeuer, without Warrant, or Licence for the doing thereof vnder the great Seale of England firſt obtained, and had in that behalfe: And that none of his Subiects preſume to Grant, or Iſſue any ſuch Warrants, vpon paine of his Maieſties high indignation and diſpleaſure.

Giuen at the Court at Whitehall, this one and twentieth day of March, in the eighth yeere of the Reigne of our Souereigne Lord, CHARLES by the grace of God King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c.

God ſaue the King.

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